

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2013
6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kelly

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members: Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Mayor Kelly-present

Councilman Carrick-absent

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor

1. Debby Tamburro, 125 Roosevelt Avenue, spoke of flooding issues on her property. She has put in French drains and has had mold remediation done. Nothing is being done by the town. She suggested having the neighbors get together to get bids and then use their tax money to pay for the work.
2. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, commented that she never heard from the new engineer, who was supposed to look at her property. A tree on McKinley fell during the storm and she noticed he now has a pool. She wonders whether he changed the grade in his yard. She doesn't feel it's fair for her to give up some of her property (easement) because neighbors are building up their yards.
Mr. Perkins explained that due to vacations, the two engineering companies have not exchanged information yet.
Mr. Paster stated that the easement would be for maintenance and repair access-the property owner would still own that land.
3. Mark Aiello, 134 Roosevelt Avenue, asked if the easement would solve the problem or should they be looking at neighbors building up.
4. Ms. Tamburro said the water affects her basement and deck. Steve Cavadias has pictures of the flooding.
5. Philip Ashare, 149 Roosevelt, stated the water table is high and water comes into his basement.

6. Richard McLaughlin, 358 Prospect Avenue, commented on the West Shore project. He feels that commuters still will not walk on the sidewalk, which was the main goal of the project.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor

Attorney's Report

Mr. Paster said he has submitted a written report for the Governing Body's review.

Review prior to public meeting:

RESOLUTIONS

#13-153 Bills List-Councilman Brophy questioned check #15528.

#13-154 Capital Budget Amendment-Various Park Improvements, Hockey Rink Paving

#13-155 Tax Grace Period-August 16, 2013

#13-156 Rescind Capital Budget Amendment Resolution #13-148-Hockey Rink

#13-157 COAH- Non-fair and Open Award of Contract to Maser Consulting-not to exceed \$15,000. Councilwoman asked the status. Mr. Paster responded that the Planning Board mainly interfaces with the Planner, because the Master Plan would have to be revised. If the Governing Body and Planning Board are in agreement, we should have an application for certification in Trenton by year end. The Planner recommends that there be a joint Planning Board and Governing Body subcommittee. Mr. Paster's recommendation would be two council members, two Planning Board members and the Mayor since he sits on both, to interface with the Planner. This would streamline the process. Councilwoman Zamechansky volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Maser Consulting had done some preliminary work in 2007 so it is cost effective to have the same firm continue.

#13-158 Troy Hilcken-Hire as Police Department Dispatcher-\$27,000 starting salary

#13-159 DPW Dump Truck-Authorization to Advertise for Bids

#13-160 DPW Wheel Loader-Authorization to Advertise for Bids

#13-161 Approval of Replacement of Dump Body on DPW Truck 239, State Contract-\$20,350.00

#13-162 Approval of Purchase of Ford F-250 Pickup, MCCPC Contract-\$31,630.00

#13-163 Approval of Purchase of Coring Tine Aerator, Bergen County Co-op-\$7,625.15

#13-164 Certification of the 2012 Audit

#13-165 Purchase of Passenger Bus for Transportation of Seniors, Bergen County Co-op-\$68,000

#13-166 Approval of Block Party on Margaret Court August 31, 2013

#13-167 Gillian Menezes-Appointment to Fill the Vacancy on the Board of Health

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1462 Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Section 5 Traffic and Parking of the Dumont Code-Dixon Avenue

First Reading

#1455 Ordinance Amending Shade Tree Chapter 344-of the Borough Code- Requirement of Permits (previously tabled)

Ray Slaman, Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission, was present to answer questions pertaining to Ordinance #1455. Councilman Hayes stated that he doesn't feel that a homeowner should have to apply for a permit to cut down his own tree. He feels that the property rights of the individual should be maintained. Mr. Slaman explained that the idea is to protect town trees from being removed. There is an issue sometimes as to which are borough trees and which are private trees. Even if it's a tree in the backyard it can affect neighbors-flooding and other things. Therefore, anyone who wants to remove a tree of a certain size must file an application and pay a fee of \$25.00. The Shade Tree Commission will respond within five days. Councilman Hayes asked if "any tree" in the ordinance could be changed and if the tree ends up being a private tree, the homeowner would get the \$25.00 back. Mr. Slaman said that the \$25.00 permit fee would be used by the Shade Tree Commission for education, reforestation, etc.

#1463 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Section 5 of Borough of Dumont Code-Lightning Detection

#1464 Capital Ordinance Appropriating the Sum of \$112,561 for Various Park Improvements in and by the Borough of Dumont and to Appropriate \$112,561 from a Bergen County Open Space Grant

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk